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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 5, 2005, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the election requirement on page 2 of the Office action for the aboveidentified application, applicants elect group I for prosecution at this time.

The following claims read on the elected species: claims 1-7.

In light of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits, and the allowance of all of the claims are solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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